

'I HAVE COME CLEAN,' SAYS GORSLINE

Says He Told All He Knows of Murder On Phillips Farm

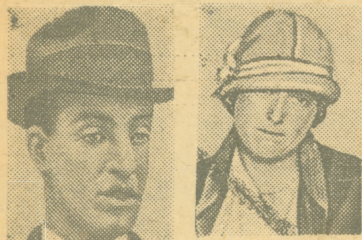
"I've told all I know," firmly said Ralph V. Gorsline, who was in De Russeys Lane on the night of the Hall-Mills murder four years ago, as he explained that he and Katherine Rastall, his companion at the time, had entered into a compact to maintain silence in order to protect their reputations.

"The day after the bodies were found," the vestryman and choir singer said, "Miss Rastall and I were in the choir of St. John's Church. That was Sunday. Of course we were nervous and worried over what we had seen and the shots we had heard. Then we decided to deny that we were in the lane when the murders were committed.

"I told Miss Rastall to forget that we were there and assured her that no person saw us. We thought what we knew would not help in solving the mystery. That was after we agreed that if we were forced to attend an inquiry to tell the truth—that we had heard the voices, the shot, the shrill screams which died down after three more shots were fired.

"I Come Clean"

"As for what I have told Mr. Simpson, it is all I know. I've told all I know. I have come clean.



R. V. Gorsline Catherine Rastall

and I can't tell anything more, for I don't know any more to tell."

Gorsline then explained that he had never been in De Russey's Lane before that night and that he frequently had taken the choir girls home in his seven-passeenger car.

"As for the criticism of my having drawn my finger across my throat while testifying before the grand jury," Gorsline said, "I did not mean to intimate that I had seen any one's throat cut. I meant by that that it sounded as though Mrs. Mills's cries were silenced by a knife having been drawn across her throat."

Wife in Ignorance

How well Gorsline kept his silence is indicated by the fact that Mrs. Gorsline did not know he had been in De Russey's Lane with Miss Rastall until he admitted it to investigators recently.

"Mrs. Gorsline wasn't very pleased to learn this," he said, but added, "she has been very nice about it."

Regarding his previous denial that he had been in De Russey's Lane, Gorsline said his other statements had been made to investigators when he was not under oath, so that he thinks the variance of his earlier explanations and that before the grand jury does not constitute perjury.

450 MEN STRIKE

WAVERLY, N. J., Sept. 18.—Four hundred and fifty men employed here by the Hayes-Hunt Company, manufacturing Durant motors, walked out today for shorter hours.

TO WED TUESDAY

The marriage of Miss Florence Regina McGahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. McGahan of Woodside, L. I., to Frank Ivo Weiss of Ridgewood, L. I., will take place on Tuesday morning in the Church of the Holy Cross.

Defenders of Mrs. Hall and Kin



ATTORNEYS OF ACCUSED in Hall-Mills murder mystery are shown on way to court, where the prisoners were arraigned yesterday on murder indictments. Augustus Studer is on the left in foreground and Robert McCarter, ex-attorney general of New Jersey, on right. Following them is a group of reporters.

Simpson Shouts at Men; Softens Voice to Mrs. Hall

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an attendant was busily ejecting a photographer who had violated the "no camera" edict when Senator Simpson rose to read his indictments.

Facing Willie Stevens, who stood before him, a handkerchief balled in his clasped hands, the prosecutor thundered:—

"William Stevens, the grand jury of Somerset county has indicted you for the murder of Eleanor Mills. How do you plead?"

Shouts Innocence

The words were scarcely off his lips when Willie shouted defiantly:—

"I plead innocent."

"I didn't ask you that," snapped Simpson. "Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

Willie pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor next queried Henry Stevens. Then he faced Henry Carpenter. Both answered crisply and with perfect composure.

Smiles for Mrs. Hall

Then, facing Mrs. Hall, Simpson drew a step nearer. His manner was deferential, his voice softened.

A slight smile, a look of bewilderment, almost fright, crossed the face of the slain clergyman's wife, as she replied firmly:—

"Not guilty."

Then came the matter of Mrs. Hall's bail. While Senator Simpson made it clear he was quite willing that Mrs. Hall be admitted to bail on a murder charge, he asked that \$50,000 be posted.

Senator Case, her attorney, demurred. Mrs. Hall was not as wealthy as people supposed, he pleaded. After a short controversy Judge Parker set the figure at \$20,000 on each indictment and a bondsman came forward.

Many Relatives Present

Senator Simpson was asked when he would be prepared to go to trial. He told the court that he must obtain his "foreign" jury first.

More than fifty in number and occupying three rows in the courtroom, were relatives and friends of the Hall-Stevens families.

The Rev. J. M. Petit, successor to Dr. Hall's pulpit, was there. Arthur and Sidney Carpenter sat with Mrs. Bonner at the counsel table.

When court ended and the Stevens brothers and Carpenter had been led back to jail, reporters crowded about Mrs. Hall, who sank weakly back in her chair.

Mrs. Hall Near Collapse

The stoicism that had always

marked her was completely gone. She was just a weak old woman, pale, on the verge of collapse and trying to smile bravely for all to see.

Newspaper men, who had remembered her four years ago and who had been assigned to the story since the case's reopening were impressed by the change.

"Say, she's just a human after all," one veteran declared. "For the first time since I've known her she's lost that iron nerve."

Mrs. Minna Clark, former chorister in Dr. Hall's church, was brought to state troop headquarters at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Demarest, Mrs. Clark's cousin, had told Senator Simpson that she had seen Mrs. Clark and Ralph Gorsline spying on Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

Feminine Voices

Mrs. Demarest had also declared she had seen Mrs. Clark with love letters written by Mrs. Mills to Dr. Hall. These letters were later found near Dr. Hall's body.

Shortly after Mrs. Clark's ar-

rival Mrs. Demarest was brought to confront her. For more than two hours loud feminine voices were heard at intervals in the quizz chamber.

Mrs. Clark was grilled until 8.30 o'clock last night. Then she was taken home by a trooper, and it was reported the examination would be continued today.

When Robert McCarter, head of the Hall defense counsel, failed to appear in court yesterday it was rumored he had resigned. Senator Case denied the report, saying his superior was busy elsewhere and remained in charge of the Hall-Stevens defense.

Governor at Coney, Makes a Speech

Gov. Smith was the guest of the Coney Island Board of Trade last night at a dinner at Feltman's.

It was Governor's night and also Firemen's Night; and, furthermore, Mardi Gras was in full swing.

He made a speech, reviewed a parade of firemen and saw the confetti battles.

"A good time was had by all."

C. R. HUNTLEY DEAD

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